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In re Application of:)
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Application No.: 10/551,174) : Group Art Unit: 2443
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For: INFORMATION PROCESSING)
APPARATUS AND CONNECTION :
CONTROL METHOD FOR)
JOINING A WIRELESS)
NETWORK (as amended)) : March 17, 2011

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of each listed document that is not a U.S. patent document has been submitted herewith.

The documents, US 2004/0009769 A1, EP 1 022 876 A1, and WO 2004/095778 A1, are identified in a Search Report from the European Patent Office dated February 8, 2011, in connection with a counterpart of a related application. A copy of the Search Report has been

submitted herewith. The Search Report also identifies the documents, US 2002/032748 A1 and US 2001/029531 A1, which are already of record in the present application.

The document, JP 2002-234232 A, is identified in an Office Action from the Japan Patent Office dated February 25, 2011, in connection with a counterpart of a related application. A copy of the Office Action has been submitted herewith; no English translation thereof is presently available. The Office Action also identifies the documents, JP 11-008625 A, JP 2002-159053 A, JP 2001-144767 A, and JP 2002-373130 A, which were previously cited in Information Disclosure Statements.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal was filed on February 8, 2011. A first Office Action on the merits has not been mailed since the RCE Transmittal was filed. Accordingly, no fee is believed to be due in order to have the documents considered. However, if a fee is deemed to be required to have the documents considered, then please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

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